Infiltration in GureZ Glacier

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale infiltration has taken place in Gurez Glacier and other areas of Jammu and Kashmir; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons of the failure for preventing infiltration; and

(c) what are the effective steps being taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) There has been an increase in cross border infiltrations in the month of June and July 2005. An infiltration bid was countered on 13th July, 2005 in Gurez Sector in which 15 terrorists were killed and warlike stores recovered. Army has been successful in eliminating a large number of infiltration bids in the State of Jammu and Kashmir (J and K) in June and July, 2005 killing several militants during these bids.

(c) The Government has adopted a multi pronged approach to contain cross border infiltration. The overall counter infiltration measures deployed by the Army include a multi-tiered arrangement on the Line of Control (LOC) along with fencing, improved intelligence operational coordination and relentless operations in the hinterland so as to ensure that infiltration is minimized and violence levels in Jammu and Kashmir kept under check.

Review of arms and ammunition purchased

1776. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of arms and ammunition purchased from overseas suppliers during the last three years, with details of the suppliers and revenue implications in respect of each supply;

(b) whether Government have decided to review the purchases made during the last three years and has cancelled purchase orders in respect of certain arms suppliers; and

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